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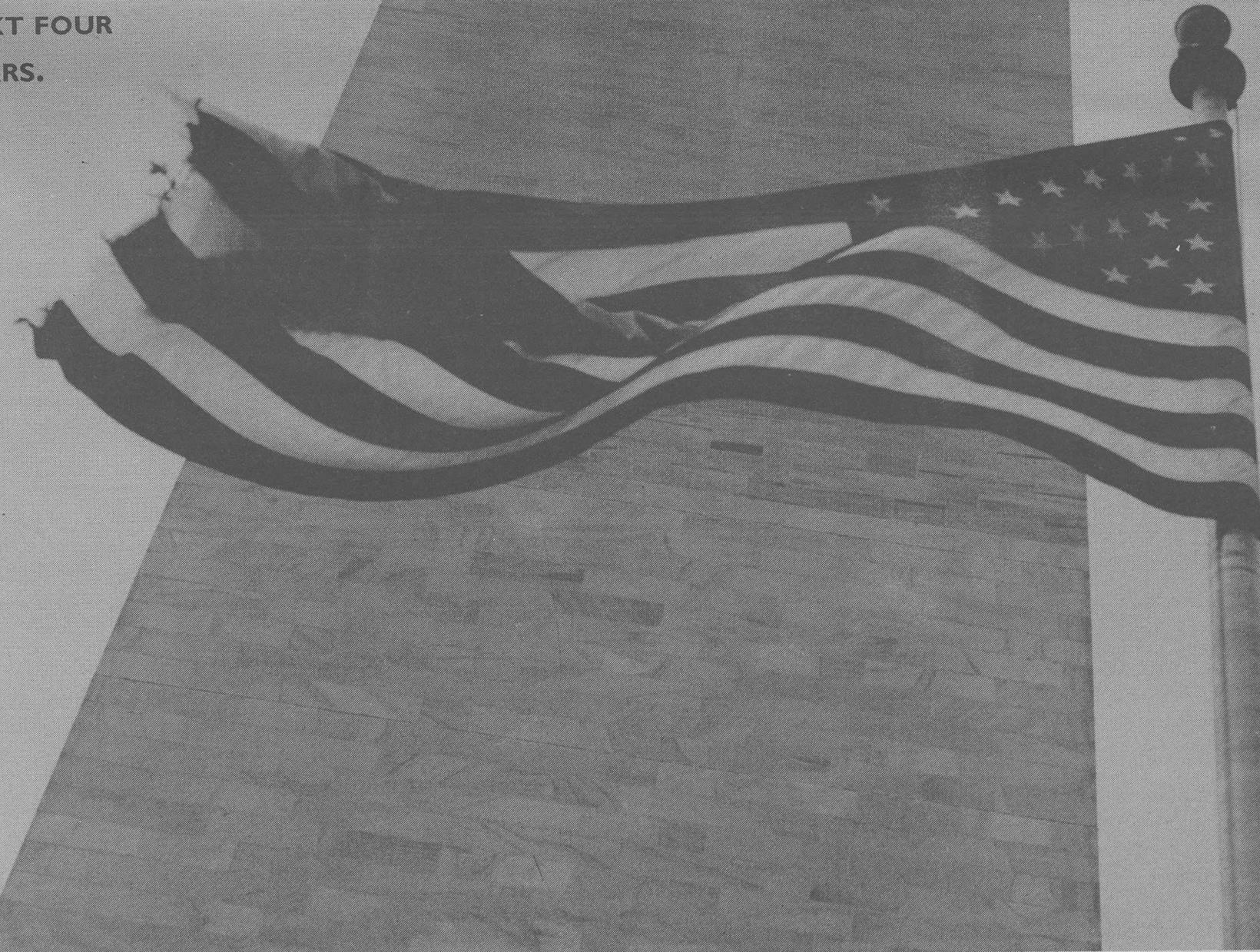


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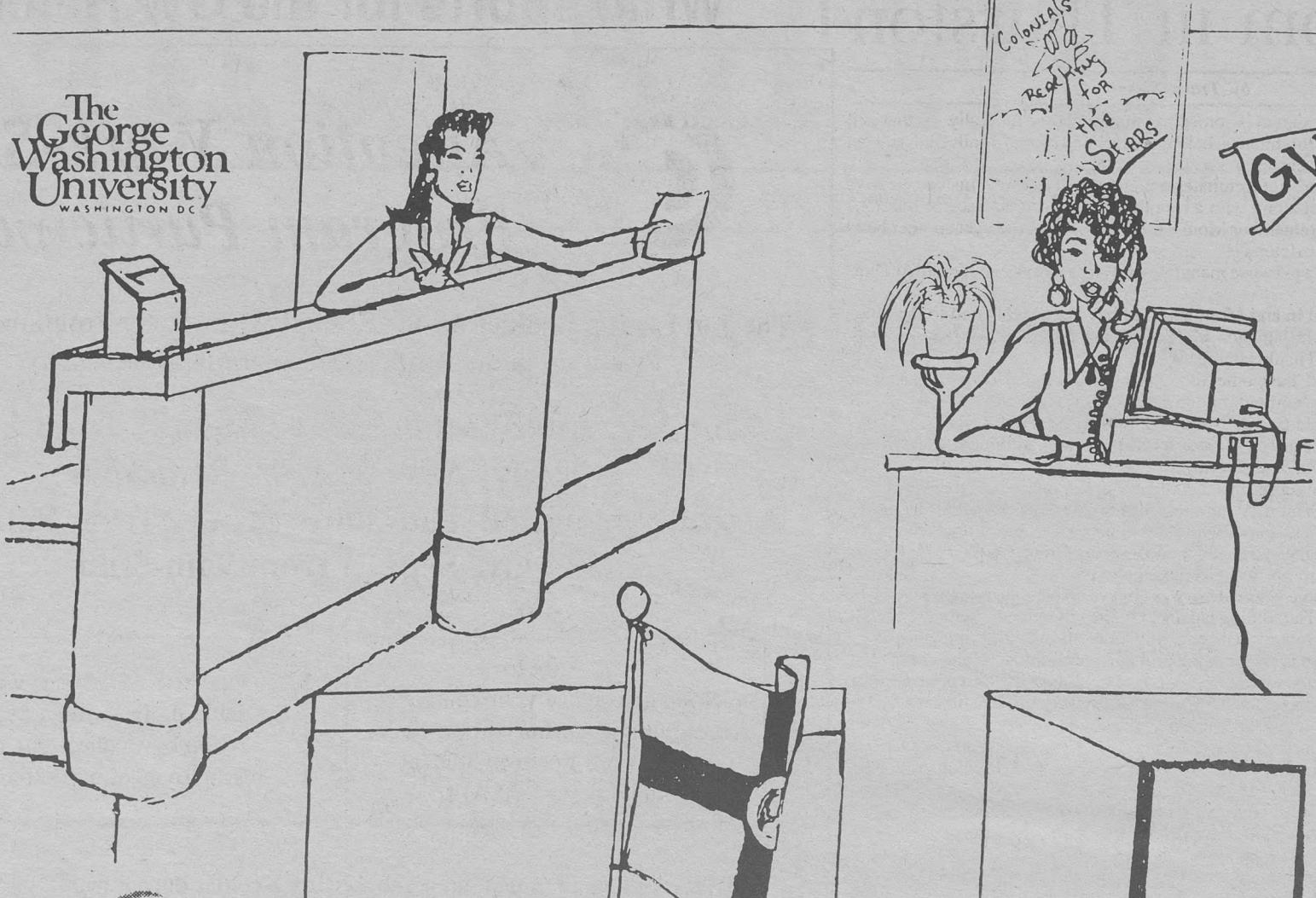
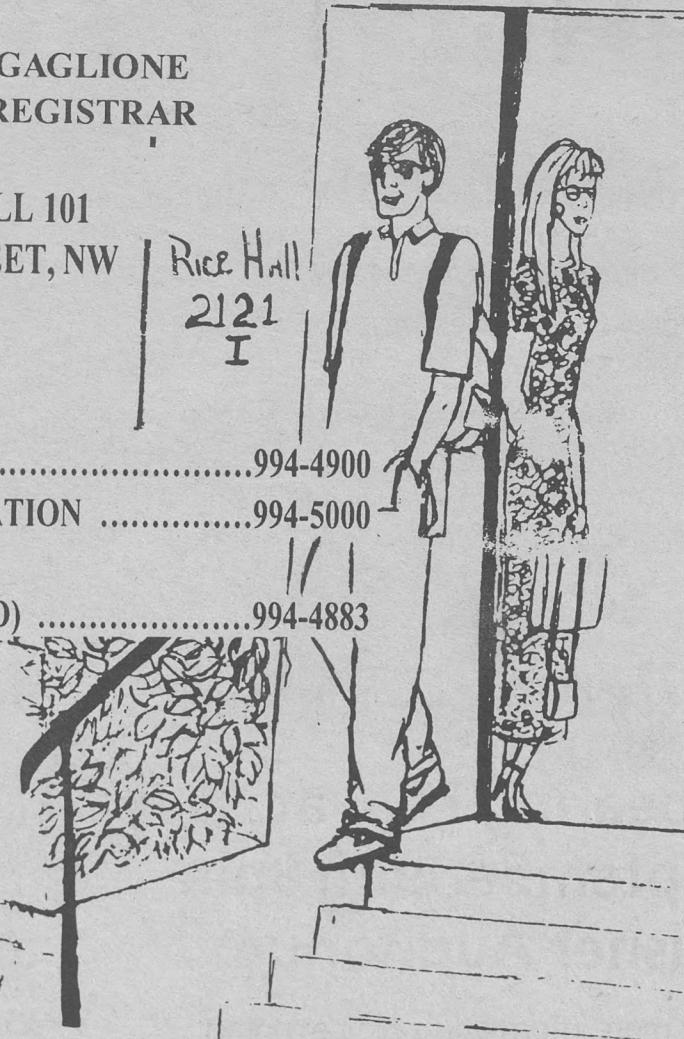
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# Don't expect meals by Mom in Thurston

by Tracy Sisser

Happiness as a freshman is something that can come naturally — that is if you have perfect roommates, belong to the Food of the Month Club and get access to a dry cleaning service.

Most of us, however, are not fortunate enough to have all three. Instead we have apprehensions. Will I get along with a roommate of a different race or religion? Will I shed tears when I remember Mom's food as I choke down yet another bowl of cereal in Thurston cafeteria?

Welcome to reality or a perverse mangling of it — a humble abode called Thurston Hall.

You have now moved in and Mom and Dad have been relegated to the hotel. Some parents are doing the lambada while others are planning their survival without their babies until Thanksgiving.

You, on the other hand, have other thoughts on your mind. How will I last in an unfamiliar environment without my family and friends?

Ideally, students should be "well-rounded, prioritized individuals" said David McAleavy, associate dean for student services at the Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Although most students come through their first year unscathed, there are many obstacles to encounter. You may run into (maybe literally) obstacles that hinder your success — such as a neighbor who cares more about his love for accompanying country music with an electric guitar and a barely Grand Ole Opry-style singing voice than for your normal sleeping patterns.

If you come from a home where there was always homemade tomato sauce, you will not enjoy Thurston Hall dining cuisine. On the other hand, if you are used to burnt chicken and microwave entrees, you may have a fighting chance.

While every institution is prone to the problems of roommates and dorm food, not every institution has the remedies GW can offer. If you are tired of listening to your roommate's heavy metal music, you can go down to the Washington Monument to hear children laugh as they play catch or fly their kites.

Peter Konwerski, program coordinator for the Office of Campus Activities, advises you to "mix and mingle" with your peers at many of the Welcome Week activities.

In addition, he suggests attending the Freshman Survival Series sponsored by the Office of Campus Life. Such important issues as security, safety, study skills, careers and internships will be covered.

Konwerski also encouraged students to get to know their residence hall staff as well as upperclassmen.

"Students have the tendency to get into habits that limit themselves. Students should do something different every week. Everyone has an obligation to life outside GW. Seek nourishment for yourself. Everything should be a great adventure," McAleavy said.

## CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



On August 30, Campus Activities invites you to submit events & programs for **CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**, a weekly calendar & announcement listing for the GW Community.

This calendar is published every **Monday** during the school year in the *GW Hatchet*.

Submission forms are available in Campus Activities, 994-6555, Marvin Center 427, & the GW Info Center, 1st floor Marvin Center.

Please submit completed forms to the GW Info Center by **12 noon** of the **Wednesday preceding the date of publication**.

Ellen DeGeneres

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Be sure to pick up and return your completed **Employment Authorization Form** and **Payroll Form** to Student Employment ASAP!



Updated job listings will be available daily through September. Stop by to check for new employment opportunities!

If you are unable to pick up a Job Listing Booklet during these hours, or if you have questions, please call 994-1581 or stop by the Career Center, Academic Center, Suite T-509.



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**August 26 – September 6**

Thursday 8/26	Rock & Bowl in the Marvin Center
Friday 8/27	DC Scavenger Hunt & Dinner Party
Saturday 8/28	Holocaust Museum Visit
Sunday 8/29	Thurston Hall Late Night Social
Monday 8/30	Holocaust Museum Visit
Tuesday 8/31	"Dave" Outdoor Movie on the Quad
Wednesday 9/1	Colonial Convocation & Parade
Thursday 9/2	Welcome Fair
Friday 9/3	Hypnotist Tom DeLuca at Lisner
Saturday 9/4	ISO Global Bazaar
Sunday 9/5	Cultural Crossroads
Monday 9/6	"Children of the Dorms"
	MSSC Buddy BBQ
	Comedienne Margaret Cho at Lisner
	ISS Coffee Hour
	Marvin's Beach-O-Rama
	"Into the Streets"
	ISS/ISO Garden Party
	H Street Fest
	"Shear Madness" at the Kennedy Center
	& post-performance cast reception
	Labor Day Picnic on the Quad

For more information, pick up a complete schedule of Welcome Week activities in the Marvin Center or call 994-6555 for additional events locations & times.

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# Grad students must juggle school, job on top of real life

by Ann Saccamano

Welcome back. Maybe it has been a few years — you've been working, traveling, raising a family, or just sitting in front of the TV.

Or maybe it hasn't been a while. Your plans are to make a straight shot through the halls of academia. You got your

undergraduate sheepskin in May and decided to come back for more. Either way, you are starting another climb up another career ladder — you are a graduate student.

I arrived at the doorstep of GW's Science, Technology and Public Policy program 10 years after earning my bachelor's degree. The decade hiatus brought with it a broader dimension of

maturity and perspective I didn't have before.

I also came with an extra measure of responsibility, namely a full-time job. This is the reverse of undergraduate study where I attended school full time and worked part time at jobs for extra cash and not as stepping stones to a career.

This picture is typical of most gradu-

ate students, some of whom have families in addition to demanding jobs. Adding a degree program on top of it all puts even more stress on a person's time and energy. Here are some survival tips:

**It's not just an adventure, it's a job.** Ah, yes, the opportunity to learn about new subjects and contemplate great thoughts — both figure into the decision to enroll. But school is actually

another job (with homework) and has to be approached as such.

I love to learn, but I hate to study. Studying is the grind part of school, but avoiding it is at your own peril. Your brain must accompany your body into the classroom and outside it. After all, you're paying too much to just put forth half the effort.

**Get your priorities straight.** Adhering to this bit of advice is the most painful, because it means making some hard decisions about what's important to you. Social activities, volunteer work and family time all come in for serious scrutiny. You must consciously decide where school fits on this list.

It may not be number one — and that's OK. Your family, job or bowling team may take precedence. Just make sure you are aware of that and willing to accept the consequences. Your priorities are your business and you are under no obligation to explain them or apologize for them.

**Take care of your health.** I can't emphasize this one enough. Get enough sleep and eat a decent amount of good food. Get some exercise on occasion. This means no goofy diets, beer binges, all-nighters and the like. That sort of abuse will eat into your productivity and overall well-being.

Moreover, your body's ability to function adequately under these conditions drops pretty fast. It's nature's way of giving you common sense. The worse that can happen is that you will wind up plump, sober and well-rested.

**Block out a study time and area.** Appoint a particular room for your schoolwork. If you can't work at home, make enough time to go to the library. Having a particular time and place will help fend off procrastination.

For example, let's say you've got a class that requires a lot of writing, but you always put off starting it until the deadline. At the beginning of the semester, sit down and practice writing ANYTHING. Write for a predetermined amount of time. After awhile, writing won't seem so alien. The problem is not writing the paper, it's getting used to writing the paper.

**Do one enjoyable activity regularly.** You will go out of your mind if you don't have something to look forward to doing. It can be getting season tickets to the ball game or attending the opera or visiting the National Zoo. Do something that keeps you from becoming isolated from the rest of humanity.

**Keep some perspective.** You're not doing this for your entire life. It just feels that way the moment you're immersed in it all. There will be some periods when you're convinced you will not make it. You may feel too scared, too stupid or just plain overwhelmed.

If you're feeling swamped and need someone to talk to, make an appointment at the University Counseling Center. They can help you improve your skills or even just talk it out. Don't be afraid or ashamed to go. You won't be alone.

The whirl of orientation and classes is exciting. Take advantage of this time to look around and talk to people. Walk up to total strangers and introduce yourself. Ask about some of GW's special programs and clubs. You can actually join one if you like. And welcome aboard. It's always nice to have company, especially in those late night classes.



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# OPINION

## Time heals all wounds for hometown blues

You've been in college all of half a day. The hustle and bustle of moving in has gone. You're all unpacked and your parents have left.

You spent the last four years of high school trying to convince everyone that you were hatched from an egg and had no family. But as soon as the door shuts behind them, you realize a startling, frightening thing: you are on your own.

There will be no one to make your bed, clean your room, do your laundry, or cook homemade meals. All of a sudden, the little brother you couldn't stand to be near all summer is your best friend. You look around at the strange room, the dorm and all the odd people and wish you were home.

Although everyone will have different college experiences, most freshmen will suffer from a common college sickness. No, not the Sunday morning hangover. Homesickness.

The symptoms are easy to spot. The \$200 phone bill. Photos of family and friends plastered on your walls. Listening to "your song" 300 times in a row.

Jennifer Batog

And although everyone goes through it, there are ways to get over it. So I offer the following 10 serious and not-so-serious ways to get over homesickness:

1. Learning how to write legibly and intelligently and hope your letters make it through the Thurston Hall mail system.

2. When you're in the Thurston cafeteria trying to figure out what the green stuff on your plate is, click your fork three times and say "tastes just like home, tastes just like home, tastes just like home." After all, it worked for Dorothy.

3. When you're really down, go to an area mall, like Georgetown Park or Pentagon City. All malls look pretty much the same, so chances are you will find the same stores there as you would at home. Besides, shopping is a great cure-all.

4. Get out and meet new people.

5. Get involved in an activity. It is a great way to meet other homesick puppies. You will be so busy you won't have time to be homesick.

*"You spent the last four years of high school trying to convince everyone that you were hatched from an egg and had no family. But as soon as the door shuts behind them, you realize a startling, frightening thing: you are on your own."*

6. Do call home once in a while. A familiar voice from home — even if it is your brother — can help.

7. Get to know your roommates. Most likely, they are going through the same thing and telling stories about your weird family and friends brings them closer to you.

8. Give in and call your best friend.

9. Remember, Thanksgiving is only 14 weeks away.

10. Read the flyers combating homesickness that get shoved under your door during the first few days of school.

One final note: Don't dwell on being homesick. GW has much to offer, so don't spend your first year wishing you were somewhere else, because that only makes it worse. By this time next year, you will be such an old pro at being on your own you won't even think about whatstherenames.

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## Students can find life, liberty at GW but don't forget pursuit of happiness

My roommate Jason has a book called "14,000 Things to be Happy About." It was a high school graduation gift, I think. This 612-page tome joins "Life's Little Instruction Book" as the perfect feel good / advice book for that someone special going off to the big, bad world of college. Problem is, it provides no context to make GW any more unique than Harvard or Penn State. So, is there something uniquely GW to be happy about? Most people think this publication can't focus on the good of GW, but the following list proves them wrong.

**Love and kisses (p. 536)** — You certainly can find love at GW and you can definitely get more than kisses. Beer goggles dominate the dating scene here. Thurston is the sight of more one-night stands than off-off-off Broadway. People have met their mates here, but it takes work. Walks of shame (you know, that early morning constitutional from the scene of the crime to your home) are much easier.

**Books about Watergate (p. 524)** — Not only do you get the books, you get people who participated in it and the building itself. GW students know it more for the Safeway, the closest supermarket to campus, but politics do reign supreme here. You need to admit that to yourself now. Face it, a hairball from Socks the Cat becomes a political event. Ignore it or embrace it, you make the call.

**Pizza and beer (p. 495)** — Dove and Rainbow pizza, that is. Half-price pizza Tuesday and Friday nights with do and someone to reminisce about it half-price pitchers of beer (Rolling Rock or Coors Light) until 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

**Butter of the peanut (p. 19)** — There's always a refuge in the cafeteria. Just like ketchup, peanut butter can go on anything and make it better. Or just more filling. Do not pass the sandwich bar and do not collect \$200.

**Dropping out of something important (p. 216)** — This is still college. It is not the real world. Repeat, it is not the real world. Other people do not determine your fate. GW is great because it gives you plenty of opportunities in different areas, but you can always move on if you don't like it. Washington may be the capital of the free world, but don't think its fate rests on what you do.

**The contagious act of yawning (p. 263)** — Remember this in some boring class, like your intro to econ. Once you get it going, it doesn't stop. Trust me.

**Shopping friends, gym friends, go-out-for-a-drink friends (p. 320)** — This school brings a slew of different type of people. Don't limit yourself to one group of people. You'll lose out. Plus, you'll always have something to

Vince Tuss

Vince Tuss is the editorial page editor of The GW Hatchet and is always looking for people to write in and tell him what makes them happy and unhappy at GW.

## Campus rookies need to remember city's quirks when out and about

If you're going to be taking up residence in this still somewhat sleepy Southern town called Washington, there is something that you should know. Some kind of force, either in the air, in the water or in the sewers, can make for some strange coincidences and some hair-raising experiences.

Personally, I have seen many a strange occurrence in the city, and have been caught in a few bizarre circumstances. To those readers who are GW greenhorns, here are some unbelievable and annoying quirks to life in the city to watch out for:

### Marvin Center elevators

They always open on the third floor and either 40 elderly or military people try to get on, or the door opens and the lobby is full of people speaking something besides English at high volumes. The elevators are inhabited by demons that try to decapitate or dismember all who try to board it.

### Crosswalks

If you are approaching one with a "WALK" signal, it will inevitably start to flash "DON'T WALK" the instant your foot touches the asphalt. If you try to cross against the signal because there are no cars coming, one with diplomatic plates will appear from thin air and nearly turn you into roadkill.

### Cabs

Drivers have the uncanny ability to scream on their radio / at other drivers in Farsi / Swahili and watch their portable television plugged into the cigarette lighter while driving like a vengeful kamikaze through gridlock. D.C. law says all cabs must show fare information, zone maps, operator's license

Paul Connolly

### Metro

A mysterious, continuous breeze blows through the Metro system. It is strongest at the turnstile, because that is where you are most likely to drop your farecard. Two trains will always come to the opposite side of the platform before your train comes. If waiting for the Blue Line, the Orange Line will come first, and vice versa. No farecard machine ever accepts more than one nickel.

### Tourists

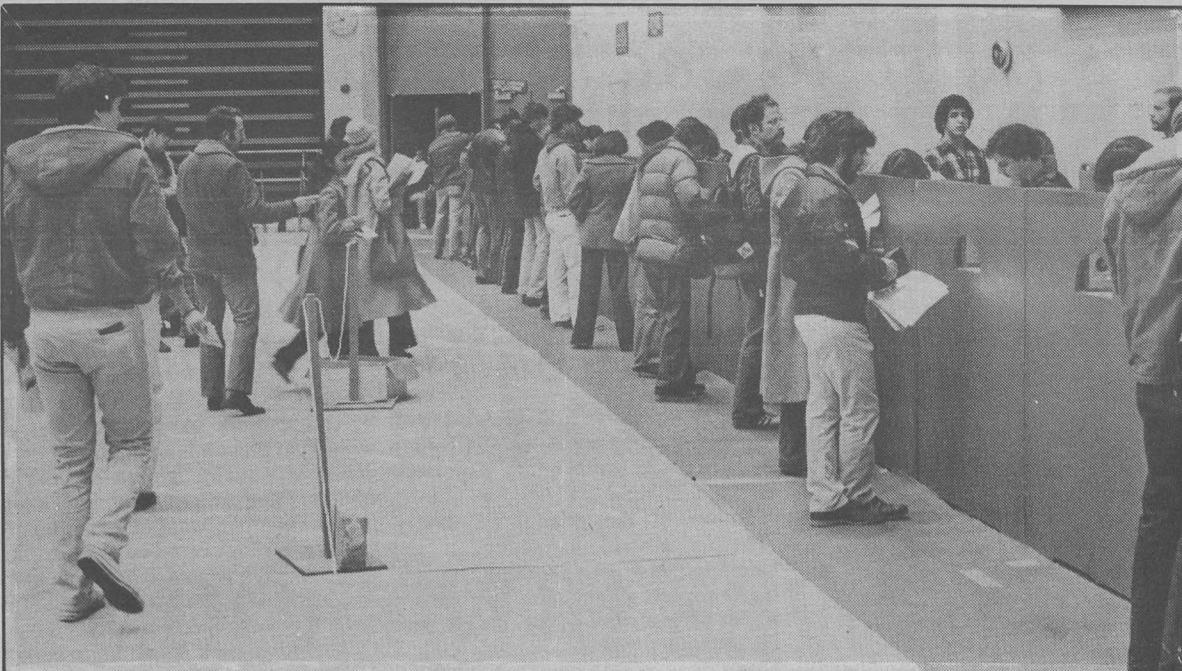
A gaggle of 10 or 15 will be walking on the narrow sidewalk ahead of you whenever you are ten or more minutes late for an appointment. They always wear neon, straw hats, high socks or a combination thereof.

### Tap Water

Fresh from the mountain springs? More like fresh from a swimming pool infested with Sea Monkeys. It's always cold when you want hot, hot when you want cold. It turns into a brown sludge after exposed to D.C. air for 33 minutes.

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Students had to wait in infinite lines to register for classes in the 1970s.

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# Lengthy lines leave legions listless, livid

by Elissa Leibowitz

**A**sk any student what the biggest headache at GW is and overwhelmingly the response will be the same: financial aid. No one seems happy with the process this time of year, especially those who work there. "It's like our April 15," says Rob Crangle, assistant to the director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. "We certainly don't like this time of year."

There are no fast-acting analgesics for the headache. No matter what you do, the phones there will always be busy, an application will always get lost and the lines will always seem endless.

There are ways to survive a potentially nerve racking financial aid experience, though.

Patience is a virtue, Crangle notes. You may have to wait in line almost an hour, so Crangle advises bringing a book and comfortable shoes.

The best time to take care of business is when the office opens at 9 a.m. Extended hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays also help.

Don't waste time at Rice Hall if all you must do is endorse a check or pay your bill. Financial aid will once again offer Student Financial Aid Days, during which you can complete a transaction on a designated day in the Marvin Center. This service, however, is not for freshman.

There is no doubt that standing in line grates on your nerves. But do not take it out on the financial aid staff, Crangle alerts, because it will not help. "Raising your voice is not going to make anything go faster. It just makes everyone's job harder," he said.

And after dealing with grouchy, confused students their whole careers, financial aid employees would probably appreciate clear, kind and concise words.

Another inherent problem with the process is the bureaucracy. With a growing workload, the office needs to expand; that is why you will have to run between the offices in the Academic Center and Rice Hall.

Crangle says administrators realize the process is riddled with bureaucracy. "But there really is no alternative. There is not enough room on any floor in any building to have all the offices," he says.

Student Financial Assistance only awards need-based aid and does not bill or receive any money. The Admissions Office awards merit-based aid.

Student Accounts handles the billing end of the process. "They don't care if your financial aid didn't roll over. They are just the numbers people," Crangle explains.

The Cashier's Office is the bank of the University, taking your precious pesos and applying them to your account.

"If you've got a grasp of who's who, then it's not that confusing," he says.

Here are a couple of personal tips for dealing with financial aid:

- Never mail anything to an office. It is inevitable that at least once, your parents will mail in an application only to discover the office "never received it." Have your parents mail paperwork directly to you and then hand deliver it to the office. And keep a copy in case it gets lost again.

- Get the name and direct phone number of your counselor. I cannot tell you how important this is. My counselor, Ruthe Kaplan, personally saved me more than \$300 by identifying mischarges on my bill. Having her number also saved me the hassle of explaining my problems to a different person each time I called financial aid.

## Top 10 Things To Do At GW In 4 Years

10. Try Marriott's "Gross Chicken."
9. Eat a "Burl Ives" burger at Lindy's.
8. Take Prof. Sodaro's Poli-Sci class.
7. Change your major.
6. Get sued by Letterman for doing "Top 10 Lists."
5. See Trachtenberg play with his nose at a formal event.
4. Go to an Inauguration ceremony.
3. Check out the view from 805 FSK Hall.
2. Drink Araq Lebanese Whiskey at Mr. Henry's.
1. Graduate.

A Hatchet Graphic

# The tourist trap: There's more to see beyond the Mall

Spend time exploring Washington, D.C.'s diverse neighborhoods

by Maren Feltz

Each year, Washington, D.C., welcomes throngs of visitors with its splashy fountains, marble monuments and mammoth museums. As you become a temporary resident of our nation's capital, those crowds will rapidly drop in your esteem from "welcome visitors" to "damn tourists" and you'll flee the Smithsonian buildings for less crowded venues.

Take heart! You've got four years to tackle the major sites and in between, you can enjoy Washington's individual neighborhoods.

Sprawled through four blocks of Foggy Bottom, GW will be your base of operations. Many buildings are designated for historical preservation, but

students find the neighborhood's conveniences far more valuable. These include 2000 Pennsylvania: Tower Records and Video, The Gap and popular eateries like Lindy's Bon Apetit, T.G.I. Friday's, Au Bon Pain and the local watering hole, The Red Lion.

The convenient, but fairly expensive Foggy Bottom Grocery (2140 F Street) provides access to a few necessities when walking to the Watergate Safeway seems out of the question. And what can you say about one of the last 7-Elevens (912 New Hampshire Ave.) to stay open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.? Oh, thank heaven!

Just down Pennsylvania Avenue and over the bridge, Georgetown draws upscale crowds for days of shopping and nights on the town. Surprisingly, the



Rule No. 1: Avoid tourists at all costs.

photo by Abdul El-Tayef

daytime shopping is more diverse than anywhere else in town. Dean and Deluca, Cignal, Commander Salamander, Ralph Lauren and Smash are but a few of the mismatched favorites.

Restaurants range from the casual

American cuisine at Boogie's Diner and Pizzeria Uno to the gourmet food at Nathan's. Open 24 hours, the Georgetown Cafe is only a cab ride away for those searching for sustenance in the wee morning hours.

Your other hope for late night chow is a straight shot up 18th Street to Adams Morgan. Some people split the walk by taking the Metro to Dupont Circle, but either way, it's worth the trip. Adams Morgan is the only spot in Washington where you can find cuisine from Spain, Ethiopia, France, Argentina, Mexico, Italy and Thailand — all on the same block.

Adams Morgan is as colorful as the murals that decorate walls throughout the neighborhood, and nightspots like Heaven and Hell and Chief Ike's Mambo Room please diverse patrons.

In both atmosphere and location, Dupont Circle offers a happy medium between Georgetown and Adams Morgan. Several restaurants line Connecticut Avenue along with stores and funky shops like Beadazzled, a stockpile of beads in every shape and

color.

Small art galleries dot the Dupont Circle area and are quite educational to see. Chances are you don't realize how much can be done with dryer lint, steel wool or mattress springs until you have seen some exhibits at Dupont's hidden galleries.

Don't get hunkered down in the shops, galleries and eateries, though. You will want to see the Phillip's Collection (1600 21st St. N.W.) and visit the embassies along nearly Embassy Row.

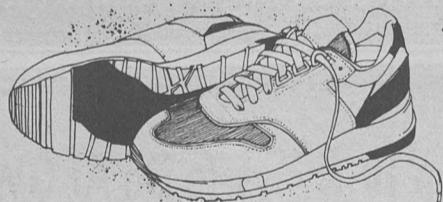
If you're looking to schmooze with the folks on Capitol Hill, head on over where you will find a plethora of yuppie bars like Slick Willie's, Hawk and Dove and The Tune Inn. A short walk away, Eastern Market is a great place to spend a Saturday morning browsing its outdoor flea market for collectables and food.

The best advice to GW's newcomers may be to reserve the city's main attractions for low tourist season. In the meantime, content yourself to explore each neighborhood at your leisure and far from the crazy late-summer crowds.



Over the river and through the streets to Georgetown's shopping we go. photo by Abdul El-Tayef

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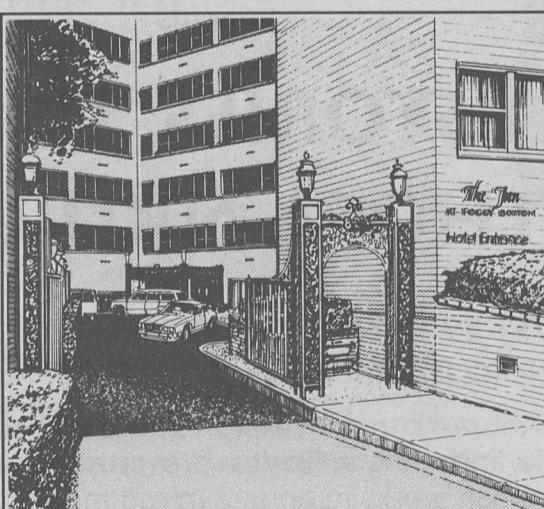
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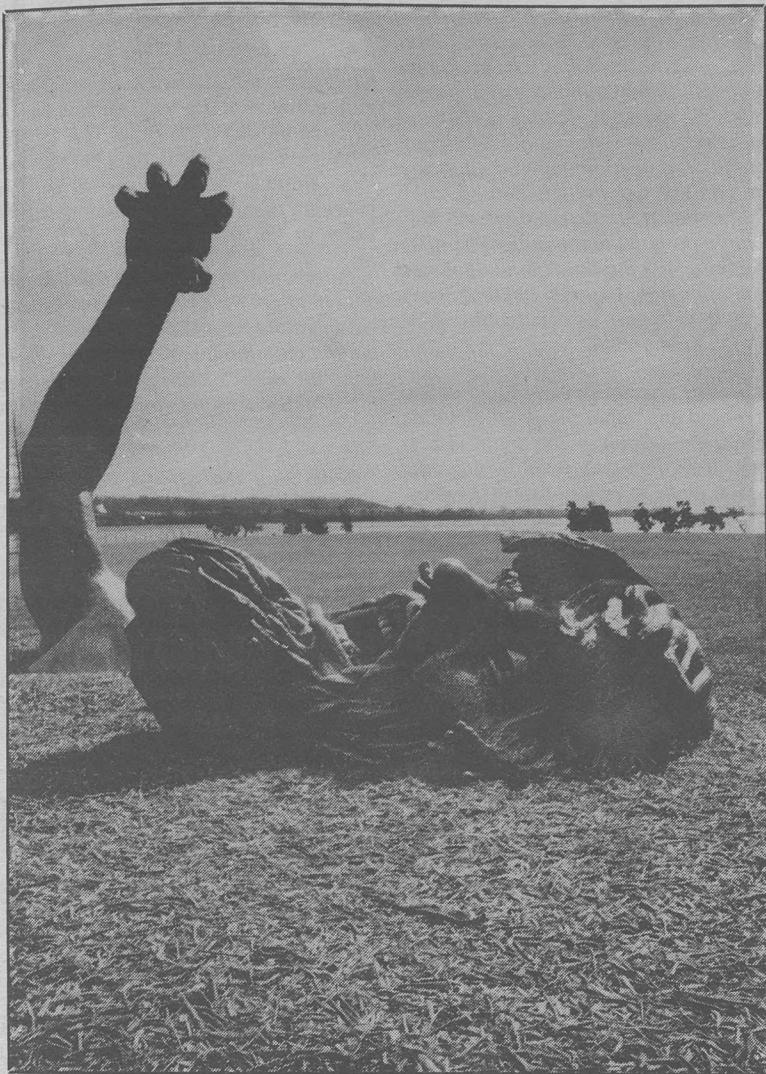


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The Awakening at Haines Point marks one of Washington's most romantic spots. Just watch where you sit.

by Sarah Western

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Winter is especially beautiful — the bare trees reveal hills of intricate statues and mausoleums. And chances are your kissing won't wake anyone.

**Great Falls** Choose from the Virginia side or the Maryland side. The water crashes over rocks and small falls on the Virginia side — it's rugged, raw and all you have to do is park your car a short walk away.

The Maryland side requires you to hike, follow some trails and do outdoor activities before seeing the water. It is tranquil and peaceful, and worth it if you have the patience.

The National Cathedral Not religious? Think of it as an image of grandeur. You'll have to make your inside visit during the day — the Cathedral is not easy to access at night.

But when it's late you can walk around the looming gothic structure, through the Bishop's Garden and into the courtyards. You'll have to leave if Dave sees you, but any amount of time spent under the spell of gargoyles and flying buttresses is worth it.

**National Airport** Sort of. The last exit left before the airport on the GW Parkway takes you to a paved lot next to the Potomac Park and wait 25 seconds. An airplane will fly less than 100 feet

over your head and land on the runway less than 100 yards or so in front of you.

It's definitely more romantic than the airplane-watching trip Wayne and Garth took, simply because you won't be with either one of them. A sunroof in a car with tinted windows is ideal, but a convertible will do.

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# Endure any roommate — compromise and communicate

by John Rega

**"I** loved her at first. We really bonded, she was really supportive . . . but she's from hell."

Ah, the Roommate From Hell — a beast we know all too well.

Of the roughly 3,000 students moving into GW residence halls this weekend, some, like the two women above, will find themselves sharing precious few square feet with a roommate they swear is Evil incarnate, or at least Evil in Gap denim.

"Her phone habits were just completely out of control," the above victim, a GW junior, cited in a list of grievances. "She's completely uptight, completely Miss I'm-Going-To-Save-Everyone-I-Come-In-Contact-With-Because-I'm-So-Emotionally-Stable-I-Can-Be-Everyone's-Mother. She's obsessive / compulsive, out of touch with reality." Pause. "I hate her."

Like all-night study sessions and homecoming festivities, roommate horror stories hold a hallowed place on college campuses. Although many of the tales play on the theme of conflict between personalities and habits, each has its own unique twist.

Take the women who claimed her credit record still bears scars from her roommate of one summer, or the GW student who was regularly attacked by a roommate's cat. "I would wake up at three in the morning with this demon attached to my leg," she said.

Or take the sophomore whose bed was his roommate's preferred place to have sex (he described many unprintable scenarios), or the senior whose roommate was determined to get her thrown out of the dorm so she could have the room to herself.

Indeed, everything from differing standards of hygiene to excessive clothes-borrowing can become fodder for roommate conflicts.

With so many pitfalls in the landscape of roomie relations, is it possible to survive any residential tenure at GW without running screaming to Mitchell Hall?

Yes, say those who are trained to deal with such problems. The key is to get differences out in the open and discuss them before they become World War III.

Rather than letting small disagreements go unsaid, "You want to be as proactive as possible. You don't want to play catch-up," said Rebecca Roach, Thurston Hall resident director.

Mark Erickson, who was a resident assistant for two years in Thurston and one year in Everglades Hall, said getting the roommates to talk is central to settling problems. "The first thing you say is, 'Have you talked to your roommate about this?' The answer is always, 'No,' or 'I tried,' so you send them back" to discuss the matter with the roommate, he explains.

But what next? Roach and Erickson — and most of the above survivors of the Roommate From Hell — agree the RA is the first person to consult if the problem seems too big to handle yourself. RAs can serve as mediators and help the disagreeing parties draw up a contract to decide how the conflict can be handled.

A roommate contract can help solidify the progress made in discussing the problem. "It's important to sit down and hear concerns, but you need to know there is a format to handle (the problem)," Roach said.

Say one roommate likes to go to bed early and the other likes to simulate atomic explosions in the room late at night. Both feel they need firm guidelines in place to ensure future cooperation, so they bring in the RA to help them write a contract they can both live with. For example, they might decide to have quiet after midnight on week

nights and unlimited thermonuclear pyrotechnics on weekends.

Plus, Erickson said, the contract can work to the RAs strategic advantage by giving him or her a very narrow set of rules to enforce. "If either one of the roommates breaches it, they get moved. You Mitchell-ize or Adams-ize the problem, or move them to another hell room in the dorm."

Roach, however, insisted the ultimate goal is to get the roommates to come to terms and live together. "The last thing we want to see happen is someone move out," she said. "Coming to consensus is a . . . skill so necessary to your adult life."

Still, it is not always easy. Roach admitted, "It's very difficult to be logical and objective when it's your home that's threatened."

In fact, Roach said, she once had problems with a roommate herself, before she learned the skills of mediation. After one argument, Roach recalled, "I grabbed her by the front of her shirt. I was getting ready to punch her in the face."

Now she realizes — and wants her residents to realize — such problems are usually a matter of communication and flexibility between roommates. Conflicts can almost always be worked out.

"You'll often find the roommate really isn't that hellacious," Roach said. "Looking back eight years at my Roommate From Hell — she wasn't (from hell). She really wasn't."

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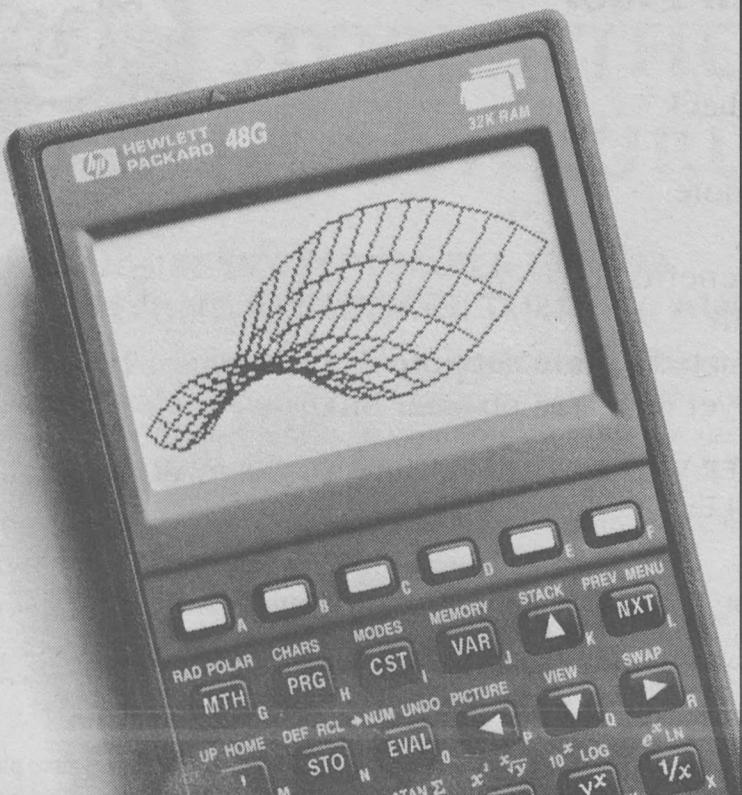
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# 'Nutty' welcome week begins this Thursday

by Jennifer Batog

Plans are underway for Welcome Week 1993, which starts Thursday, and coordinators expect it will be a wild time for all.

The week and a half of events will add some new activities, like a scavenger hunt and tour of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, to the traditional blowout in the Marvin Center and H Street Fest, Grahame Fraser, Welcome Week co-coordinator, said.

"It's going to be huge and nutty," he said of Marvin's Beach-o-rama, one of the highlights of the week. The Marvin Center will house the festivities Sept. 2 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Marvin Center will be transformed into a beach, complete with sand, water and a boardwalk, co-coordinator Erin Corrigan said. Market Square will have a boardwalk motif, with pool, volleyball, food and student groups. The No Time Players will perform in the Marvin Center and short films will also be shown.

The third floor will have a Latin beat with the Via Cuba Libre Casion, Cuban food and a Mamba band. Miniature golf, a fruit drink bar and arts and crafts will add to the excitement. The fifth floor will go tropical with the Blue Hawaii Lounge, video surfing, beach blanket bingo and karaoke.

Other events include: Rock and Bowl in the Marvin Center fifth floor Aug. 26 from 8 to 12 p.m.

The D.C. scavenger hunt Aug. 27 from 2 to 8 p.m. Players won't go hungry as they can grab a Mexican dinner in the Marvin Center at 6 p.m. before the hunt, which will take them to all corners of the city with a Metro card and Polaroid camera in hand.

Holocaust Memorial Museum tour. Only a limited number of tickets exist for the Aug. 28 tour. Those interested in attending should meet in Thurston Hall at 9 a.m. Another tour will commence Aug. 29.

The Thurston Hall social, taking place in the cafeteria, wraps up that day at 9 p.m.

Later, the movies head to the outdoors with the political comedy film "Dave" showing on the University Yard Aug. 29 at 9 p.m., complete with popcorn.

The annual opening parade, Colonial Convocation, begins at 12:15 p.m. Aug. 30.

Global Bazaar, a multicultural event Aug. 31 at 2 p.m. in the Gelman Library Quad, will feature various speakers and free food. Topics get more serious at 9 p.m. with "Children of the Dorms," a sexual assault skit followed by an ice cream social in the Marvin Center.

Comedienne Margaret Cho will perform in Lisner Auditorium Sept. 1 at 9 p.m.

Other events include: Marvin's Beach-o-rama, Sept. 2; Commencement Service, from 1 to 7 p.m., Sept. 3; H Street Fest, Sept. 4.

This year's H Street Fest event is sponsored by the radio station DC 101 and other area businesses. Political action groups and vendors selling everything from jewelry to tattoos will crowd the street with performances by four local bands — Shadrak, The Emptys, Lisa Cerbone and Emmet Swimming.

Shear Madness at the Kennedy Center Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. After the performance, students can attend a reception and welcome back to school dance in the Marvin Center. The dance's theme is "Stir it, but don't shake it."

A Labor Day picnic Sept. 6 will wind down Welcome Week. Students on the meal plan can partake of barbecued gastronomical delights.

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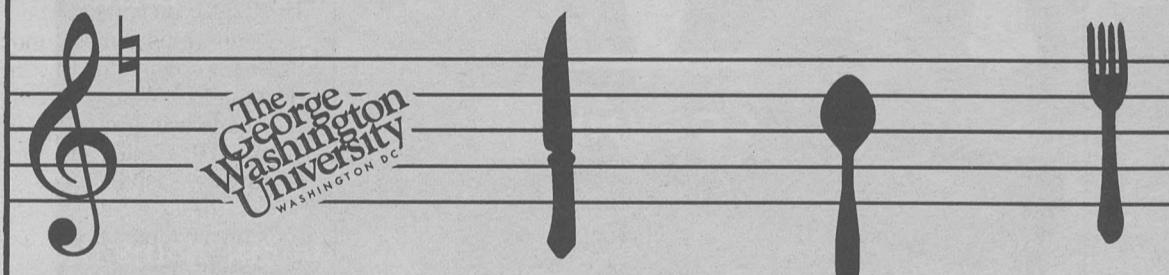
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## The city's the campus, the workplace a class

by Andrew Tarnoff

Let's face it. You don't go to GW because of the rolling hills and picturesque scenery surrounding Foggy Bottom. More than likely, you don't wake up each morning to take a breath of that fresh city air either.

The real reason you chose GW are the fantastic opportunities that abound in Washington. Not taking advantage of an internship sometime in your four-year stay here is like taking a tropical vacation without setting foot on the beach.

Any sophomore or upper classman will attest to how quickly freshman year flies by. Thurston Hall, with its many distractions, seems to encourage laziness. First year students, be warned. As exciting as Washington is, if your world doesn't extend beyond campus, you might as well be at any college, not one centered in the most exciting and influential city in the world.

There are plenty of internships available for almost all GW students. With some effort, you can work for your senator or representative or you can intern at the White House or State Department.

Internships are available for pay or for credit, depending on how you arrange them. In fact, it is sometimes

possible to work for both.

Internships can be easily arranged but do not expect one to come to you. The ambitious student can start looking for internships at the Career Center on the fifth floor of the Academic Center. There you can study books full of internship offers that might be of interest to you.

Another source that is often untapped is the faculty within your major. A professor can often suggest meaningful internships that can be translated into credit.

There are other ways to find internships, such as catalogues and sources from home — for example, your state's senators — but it is important to realize that these sources require some effort on your part.

An internship or campus job need not fill every minute of your free time. But if you can immerse yourself in a meaningful job or activity, you will find yourself taking full advantage of your surroundings.

Freshmen, you do not need to start looking for an internship while you're still unpacking your bags. But make some calls, begin to network. A good internship can carry you a long way.

## 'Skins win city's love but alternatives exist

by Vince Tuss

Washington may have three professional sports teams, but only one sport truly exists in this town and you will hear about for 365 days a year. This town lives, breathes, eats, even passes through its intestine everything associated with the Redskins.

In this year of rebuilding and new beginnings — a new coach bringing in a new offensive set — the media and the public feed the fire even more. But it could be worse. At least they didn't win the Super Bowl last year. One of the biggest events in town this summer was when the team's first pre-season game, a home contest versus the Cleveland Browns, didn't sell out. The last time a Redskins game was blacked out on TV in Washington was 1983.

Yes, it is that important to the area. You could get tickets to an inaugural ball more easily than to R.F.K. Stadium during the fall months. Some have waited 25 to 30 years for season tickets, no time off for good behavior. If you want to try for yourself, first pray. Calling the team ticket office at 546-2222 is a start, but probably a waste of time. TicketMaster outlets have been known to sell an occasional seat or two. The nearest ones are at the Marvin Center Newsstand and at Tower Records.

Ticket procurement services (a.k.a. scalping) is probably your best bet. Top Centre Ticket Services over in 2000 Penn. heads the list, but you can also go to the classified section of The Washington Post or right down to R.F.K., on the orange and blue lines of the Metro, to see what supply and demand has to offer.

Washington boasts basketball and hockey franchises in name only. The Bullets and Capitals play out in the USAir Arena in Landover, Md., formerly known as the Capital Centre. Most relocated D.C. residents actually go here more to see their old hometown teams, not the local heroes.

More often than not, these clubs market events other than games as the reason to sit in the stands.

Plain and simple, you can usually find a bunch of open seats anytime. The problem comes in getting out there. Home games are accessible via automobile only. When you get a ride, dial (301) 622-3865, which is NBA-DUNK, for the Bullets tickets office or 432-7328 for the Caps.

Last, but not least, are the Baltimore Orioles, the closest thing this city has for professional baseball. Of course, you get Oriole Park at Camden Yards as an added attraction. For tickets, try TicketMaster or Top Centre again, but the Orioles Baseball Store (914 17 St. N.W.) can also provide seats. To get to the stadium, either go to Union Station and take the MARC Baseball Special train, or drive up either Interstate 95 or Maryland State Route 295, the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

For those who think that life is more than a spectator sport, Washington offers plenty of active diversions. Volleyball aficionados set up on sand courts near the Memorial Bridge till fall. A little closer, at 23rd St. and Constitution Ave. N.W., you can find the GW softball set.

GW now offers three basketball courts and six tennis courts in the great outdoors and on campus. If they fill up, jog up to 23rd and N streets, where the locals play roundball and racket sports. Another tennis court sits near the State Department but reservations are required.

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# The successful student exploits talents, love

by Rob Ganz III

**1: You got the love?**  
You can't do anything without motivation — something that gets you out of bed in the morning. Fear will do for a while, but you'll burn out unless you come to ENJOY learning. It's not such a terrible thing to be curious about the world and besides, it's the only game in town.

**2: Nosce te ipsum** — That's Latin for "know thyself." One goal of education is to understand yourself better. Try to discover your academic strengths and weaknesses. Then exploit your strengths.

If you're a morning person, look for 8 a.m. classes. Since most people aren't, you will have the professor virtually all to yourself.

**3: Take a balanced schedule** — Do not, for example, take five chemistry courses in one term. You'll burn out, if not burn up (in the lab, that is.) To stay fresh, select courses that tax you in different ways — that is what electives are for.

**4: Always go to class** — You are paying for the privilege of attending class. If you don't go, you may end up paying twice, when midterms roll around. You can always learn something from a lecture, even if it is just when the next paper is due. Besides, no one has ever said, "If only I had gone to class less, I might have done better on the exam."

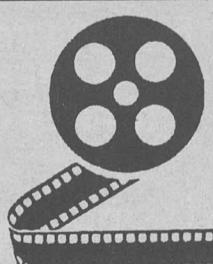
**5: Sit in the front row** — It is not just a superstition. Students in the front row are more likely to be called upon and rarely have trouble seeing the board or hearing the professor. Being in the pole position also forces you to keep up with the material, since you know how bad it would look not to be able to answer the teacher's question.

**6: Write down EVERYTHING the professor says** — Use shorthand by omitting vowels and copy over your notes later for reinforcement. Some people say if you spend your time writing you will not be learning the lecture. I've never had a problem comprehending what was being said while I took notes. In fact, forcing myself to take notes has often kept me attentive when my body or my mind would rather I wasn't.

**7: Never apologize for asking a question** — The only stupid question is the one you are too afraid to ask. Enough said.

**8: Talk to your teaching assistant** — Graduate students are fun. You can ask them things you might not want to ask in class. And they often bring a perspective to the material that is closer to your own, since they are themselves still students.

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**9: Don't save studying until the last minute** — It may have worked in high school but it won't work in college. There's just too much material.

**10: Get enough sleep before an exam** — You will not be able to think straight if you go into a test groggy. If you get in a bind, sometimes it is better to skip reviewing that last section, in order to preserve your acuity. Who knows, you may not have any questions on that material or you may be able to derive it on your own, if it's in math or physics.

**11: Don't get bogged down by minor details** — If you really cannot yet fathom how angular momentum applies to an airplane's propeller, don't spend four hours trying to figure it out and then not have enough time for the next topic. Move on and go back to it later.

**12: Extracurriculars alone can't get you into law school** — Remember, clubs and teams are for your benefit, but you are not always there for their benefit. I don't mean you should not help out your friends. You're here to study. If you spend too much time not working, you may have the good fortune of being able to spend the rest of your life not working — as a bum.

**13: Know when you're in over your head** — If you're doing terribly and it's early in the term, there may still be time to avoid disaster. Talk to the professor. One low grade may not spoil a whole term, but you do not want to get into a trend. Consider hiring a tutor, but you really have to make a commitment, since a tutor cannot take tests for you.

If you are having trouble articulating your ideas, go to the writing center for help. Being able to write clearly can get you more points on tests as well as papers. If you come to the conclusion that you are really not cut out for astrophysics after all, you may want to consider dropping the course. There are deadlines and financial penalties; but getting a "W" on your transcript is a lot better than getting a "D" and it won't affect your GPA.

**14: Control damage** — Most people have at least one blemish on their transcript. One low grade will not kill you. In fact, you can often learn as much from your failures as you can from successes. Figure out what went wrong and move on.

**15: There are no rules** — If you have to choose, say, between going to one class and studying for a quiz in another, it may be better to skip the class, just that once, and get the notes later.

In the words of an American Express spokesman, "The guy who says he never had a chance never took a chance." Chances are, he's right.



## OPEN HOUSE!

The GW Hatchet will be having an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 8:00 p.m., Marvin Center 433. Come get to know the friendly, no-longer-infected editors and staff of the paper that doesn't suck!

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Friday, September 3	9 am - 12 n	MC 405
Tuesday, September 7	1 - 4 pm	MC 402
Wednesday, September 8	6 - 9 pm	MC 403

### Topics will include

- Registration Procedures and Materials
- Scheduling and Event Planning
- Student Association and Funding
- Publicity and Promotion
- Student Organization Resources on Campus

Please R.S.V.P. for the session you will be attending by contacting Campus Activities, MC 427, 994-6555.

Please remember that a representative from your organization **MUST ATTEND** one of these meetings in order for your organization to be registered for the 93-94 school year.

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# Watch what you ask: stupid questions get stupid answers

by Jennifer Hanson  
and  
Elissa Leibowitz

There is no such thing as a stupid question, right? Well, we are all probably guilty of having made a completely ludicrous inquiry at one time or another. However, it is the GW Information Center staff in the Marvin

Center who can attest that there are truly some pretty stupid people lurking around GW's hallowed halls.

The Info Center acts a base-central for anything you need to know about GW but were afraid to ask. They mainly dish out phone numbers, but the staff can also give you information on events. But, as one embarrassed caller discovered, they cannot tell you if it is

supposed to snow tomorrow.

Posted behind those friendly smiles and blue shirts lies a long — very long — list of some of the most dimwitted questions ever voiced.

The lists are a lengthy version of the Top 10 Most Idiotic Questions Ever Asked. For example, "Do you know where my socks are?" "Do you know what time 'Studs' is on tonight?" and

"Hi, uh, what am I looking for?" are just a few of the questions that GW Information Center encounters every day.

Some are just in fun — the college version of making phony phone calls — but others are seriously stupid.

Information Center consultant Karl Kaufmann recounts one of his more memorable encounters when he was asked by a student's parent, "Is this a school full of geeks?"

Among the more absent-minded spatial questions asked of the Information Center are, "What's in this building?" "What floor is the Marvin Center on?" "Is this the first floor?" "Where is the elevator?" and, of course, "Could you give me the number of the Information Desk in the Marvin Center?"

The log of truly bizarre questions goes on to include:

- The academic: "What religion is George Washington?" "How do you spell Nietzsche?" "Do you know the square root of 30?" "What is the fastest animal in the world?" "How long does it take to drive from here to Chicago?"

- The concerned: "Hi, I'm Kelly ---'s

grandfather. Can you tell me if she came to school today?" "My son had an exam early this morning and he isn't home yet. I'm worried about him. Is there any way I can find out if he was at the exam?"

- The healthful: "Do you have any information about hospitals in Pittsburgh that specialize in liver transplants?" "My daughter doesn't feel well. Can you tell me what she can do?"

- The paranoid: "There are surveillance devices watching me that are invisible to the naked eye. I need a sweep of the area. Can you tell me which department handles such things?"

- The uninformed: "Can I have the number for the romantic languages department / Career and Cooperation Center?"

So the next time you call the Info Center, be wary: You may think the consultant is just being polite answering a reasonably idiotic question, but as soon as you hang up, your perilous "pregunta" may get posted for prosperity.

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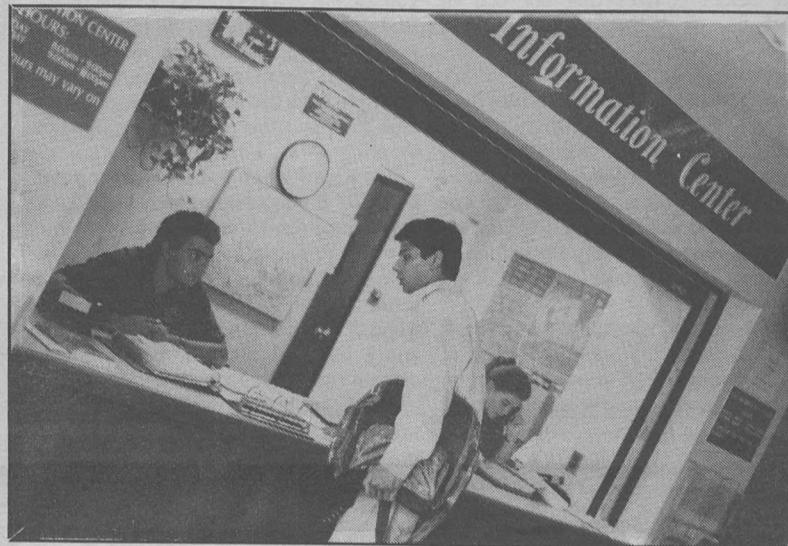


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# ARTS & FEATURES

## D.C. has nightlife for all tolerances

by Sarah Western

Welcome to the most powerful city in the world. While you're here, take advantage of the internships, the Smithsonian Institution, networking and the international culture. But don't forget to take time for yourself. Read, sleep, party. Paint the Capitol purple. Put Liquid Tide in the fountains. And make sure to visit the following meeting places:

### Bars

**Mr. Henry's** (2134 Penn. Ave. N.W. 337-0222) The lone freshman bar on



photos by Abdul El-Tayef

## Top Ten College CDs

by Sarah Western

Being a well rounded student is important. Part of being a renaissance student is being cultured. And part of culture is music. So embrace the vision of holding conversations about the mating habits of hyenas over Ethiopian food you cooked while watching "The Wall" on laser disc. Let these 10 CDs be your college mainstays as you travel the road to bigger and better things.

**Pink Floyd — The Wall** (Capitol) Skip the box set, but do be sure to have this double CD. It's the original rebel release with a positive message at the end. After all, are you, like Pink, not "just another brick in the wall?"

**Jane's Addiction — Ritual de lo Habitual** (Warner Bros.) Just because Perry Farrell was too alternative to continue this success doesn't mean you are too alternative to listen to it. But don't "get caught stealing" it or you will have to spend "three days" in the jail and miss class.

**Violent Femmes — Violent Femmes** (Slash) Many things will change in college, but the timelessness of this release won't. Besides, getting "just one kiss" may not be any easier than it was last year. But we doubt it.

**Frankie Goes to Hollywood — Welcome to the Pleasuredome** (Island) So maybe it wasn't hip to listen to the ultimate homo-erotic band of the '80s during the '80s. But now it's the '90s. So "relax."

**Red Hot Chili Peppers — Blood Sugar Sex Magik** (Warner Bros.) Only two years old, yet pleasing to every collegiate ear. Just don't use it as a lifestyle guide or you will find yourself "giving it away" "under a bridge" to a "lovely man."

**R.E.M. — Green** (Warner Bros.) This is the album that brought mainstream success to the original college band. Many would shoot me for not recommending vintage R.E.M., but just as they were green to making green, so are you.

**Lords of Acid — Lust** (Caroline) As the future of sex gets more and more virtual, listen to this to adjust. It's safe sex. Techno sex. And I dare not quote one tantalizing lyric for fear of being canned.

**Steve Miller Band — Greatest Hits 1974-1978** (Capitol) Chances are you own this even though you were but a mere tot when it was released. And since we're all "jokers, smokers and midnight tokers" at heart ...

**Ministry — Psalm 69** (Sire) Learn "the way to succeed and the way to suck eggs." Your parents will rest assured their money was well spent.

**Tchaikovsky — 1812 Overture** Study without distraction, and wake to the cannons when you doze on page three of "Crime and Punishment."

Pennsylvania Ave. Milo's has made the step up to yuppiedom, leaving proprietor Rocky to deal with the masses who finally don't have a curfew. Bring your GW ID and be sure to eat dinner.

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**Exchange, Ltd.** (1719 G St. N.W. 393-4690) The fraternity / sorority / athlete hangout several blocks down from GW's answer to fraternity row. Many avoid it, many adore it. It's one of those places you must see to believe. Forget your ID and you won't get in. Good plan!

**G.G. Flipp's** (915 21st St. N.W. 393-0930) Commonly known as Odd's, this place is one part Exchange, Ltd., one part ID, and two parts good beer prices. Shake

and let sit, but look out for the occasional fist.

**The Crow Bar** (1006 20th St. N.W. 223-2972) Strangely enough, this bar draws more from metropolitan Washington than from GW. A unique beer selection, well-lit pool tables and one of the best jukeboxes in town make day or night visits a pleasing experience. ID needed to see the crow at the upstairs bar or the painted tiles in the bathroom.

**The Brickskeller** (1523 22nd St. N.W. 293-1885) Be a beer connoisseur ... or just look like one. With more than 500 beers to choose from, it is possible to be on the five-year plan at GW and never have the same brew twice. Don't even think about ordering a Schlitz here. Try the Black Mamba from the Congo instead.

**Heaven & Hell** (2327 18th St. N.W. 667-4355) Forget Heaven — Hell is better. Gloomy and cool. The music is loud, they're often out of Southern Comfort and the bartender is always different. But faces watch you from the ceiling while you sink in a big red armchair with your feet resting on a carved wood table. Welcome to Hell — and don't forget your ID on the weekends.

**Andalusian Dog** (1344 U St. N.W. 986-6364) The latest D.C. installment from genius Joe Englert — also responsible for State of the Union, 15 Minutes, Strangeways, Insect Club and Zig-Zag Cafe. The surreal bar is named for the shocking Dali / Luis Bunuel film that shows an eye being sliced. Once you try one of these "theme" bars, you'll want to try them all. They're weird, wild and wonderful (and unpredictable with the ID).

### Clubs

**Tracks** (1111 1st St. S.E.) Tracks is laid back, fun and primarily gay. A techno side, an alternative side and a



volleyball court bring people of all sexual orientations out in droves — especially on College Night (Thursday) and Mixed Night (Friday).

Saturday is 90 percent gay male, Sunday is house music with a primarily black clientele and the last Tuesday of every month is women's night. 18 and up.

**Insect Club** (625 E St. N.W. 347-8884) Englert's creepy, crawly nightclub. Maybe they serve insects, maybe they don't. But they do have pool tables, a mellow, dark room, a dance floor and a crazy mix of music. Insect is hip with the yups on the weekends, so it's best to explore the nest during the week — ID in hand.

**The Roxy** (1214 18th St. N.W. 296-9292) During the week, The Roxy is a reggae club with live music. Wednesday nights, however, the alternative crowd puts it on to a gothic / industrial mix by a redheaded DJ named Adam. 18 and up most nights.

**Fifth Column** (915 F St. N.W. 393-3632) It's big, it's stone, it's in the Equitable building. Specialty nights through the week include Posers on Mondays — techno / industrial and international house music on Thursdays. VIP memberships available, ID necessary and no sneakers allowed.

Once inside, check out the self-indulgent heathen opposite the door. 18 and up most nights.

**Nightclub 9:30** (930 F St. N.W. 393-0930) Check the City Paper each Thursday to see who's coming to D.C.'s famed alternative venue. The club is a black-walled dump, but has more character than most places in town. The crowd is always interesting, the bands are usually good and the smell in the hall is still unidentifiable. Friday and Saturday nights is Insomnia from 12:30 to 3 a.m. — perfect for night junkies who like Moosehead and Jagermeister. 18 and up, except for Insomnia.

**The Bayou** (3135 K St. N.W. 333-2897) The rock-and-roll version of 9:30, located under the Whitehurst Freeway. Saturday evenings bring the political comedy of Gross National Product — a nonsensical permanent fixture. Occasionally, pretty big name bands will play, but on a whole, it's pretty unknown groups playing to a pretty mellow crowd. 18 and up, sometimes all ages.

*Drink, drank, drunk last night and I'm gonna get drunk like I've never been before cuz when I'm drunk I'm as happy as can be ...*



## THE BEST OF TIMES, THE WORST OF TIMES



### The best time to ...

...wait in line at the financial aid office: 9 a.m.

...buy your books at the GW Bookstore: 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

...eat dinner at the Thurston cafeteria: 4:30 p.m.

...rent a new release at Tower Video: weekdays before 2 p.m.

...schedule a Chemistry 3 lab: Thursday 6 p.m.

...get a computer at one of the University's computer centers: any time before the last three weeks of the semester.

...get a group study room at Gelman library: Saturday mornings.

...get a racquetball court at the Smith Center: midnight.

...shop at the M.C. Store: 7 p.m.

...order Domino's Pizza: after 11 p.m.

...get an appointment at Student Health: 9 a.m.

...bowl in the Marvin Center gameroom: weekdays before 6 p.m. (it's the cheapest time).

...walk across the quad: Noon on a sunny day (sunbathers aplenty).

...see dog-sized rats scurry across your feet: 10 p.m. to 4 a.m.

### The worst time is ...

...the rest of the day.

...11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

...5:30 p.m.

...Friday nights.

...Monday 11 a.m.

...the last three weeks of the semester.

...evenings during midterms and final exams.

...11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

...noon.

...before 5 p.m.

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**General Office Work:** Filing, light typing, photocopying, answering phones.

**Mail Room:** Inventory control, order fulfillment, general office maintenance.

**Customer Service:** good typing skills, data entry experience or previous experience in customer service a plus.

College Work-Study funds are available. Salary commensurate with skills. Must be available a minimum of 15 hours per week.

**CONTACT:** Roxanne Everett, Systems Administrator, (202) 232-8777. Office hours are between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. EOE.

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